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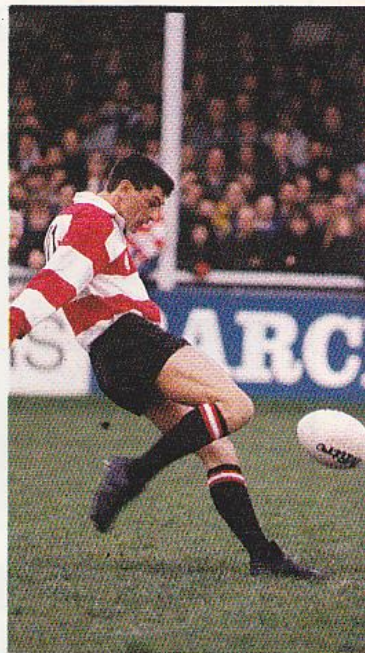
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11. J. Breeze

10. M. Hamlin (Capt.)

9. M. Hannaford

1. M. Preedy (I)

2. K. Dunn

3. R. Pascall

4. N. Scrivens

5. J. Brain

6. P. Ashmead

7. I. Smith

8. B. Clark

Replacements:

L. Gardiner N. MARMENT

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# TOUCH LINES

by  
**Peter Arnold**

## BACK ON THE TRAIL

Here we go again. Since Wasps upset things at Sudbury, Gloucester have been going pretty well. 30 points on both Ebbw Vale and Newport isn't to be sneezed at.

In contrast, Bedford haven't been having a vintage season, but it's worth recalling that it's only a couple of years since they beat us, after being written off as no hopers. Anyway, League rugby can turn up some highly unexpected results, and usually does.

It certainly wouldn't do to regard today's festivities as anything but a tough, must-be-won League encounter. It may be true that 'nothing succeeds like success', but it's equally veracious that nothing fails like over confidence. Quite simply, Bedford are a better side than they've been made to appear, so far this season. Sooner or later, it's all got to come right for them, and today is just as likely to be the occasion on which they get their act together as any other. Everyone likes to do well at Kingsholm, and that could just be the stimulus the Goldington Road lads need.

But, League or no League, Bedford are always very welcome at Kingsholm. They're very long-standing and honoured opponents, and many of us remember the long years when this particular fixture was one of the most eagerly-awaited in the calendar. These wheels have a way of turning full circle, and any club which can count the likes of Budge Rogers and Jacko Page among its alumni, is certain to return to its former glories at some stage.

Good to see you again, Bedford. Have a great visit.

## MANY HAPPY RETURNS 'MOGGY'

How marvellous it was to see Richard Mogg score his 150th club try against Newport, last Saturday. It couldn't happen to a nicer bloke.

Even the manner of his scoring it was typical of the man, he could, I'm sure, have gone over several

minutes earlier, but preferred to give a pass as the safer option. Considering that Gloucester has the game sewn up by then, and it wouldn't have mattered too much if he'd failed, it was a good indication of 'Moggy's' team spirit.

Richard would have done the same, whoever he was playing with, but it was especially appropriate that the beneficiary was Don Caskie, enabling him to score his *first* try in the cherry-and-white strip. It's funny how things work out, sometimes, and it's certain that our latest Scottish import will have many more under his belt before he's finished.

But he's still got 149 to go to emulate 'Moggy', and if the way Richard's playing at the moment is any indication, he'll probably have scored *another* 150 by then.

Gentlemen, the toast is 'Richard Mogg', try-scorer extraordinary, tackler supreme, and above all, good club man.

## ON THE B-SIDE

Congratulations to Kevin Dunn on retaining his place in the England 'B' side. This, despite the fact that he wasn't in the Squad training for the 'senior' match, for some unaccountable reason.

And, while we're at it, 'hard luck' to the Gloucester trio who were — Mike Hamlin, John Etheridge and Malcolm Preedy.

## FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

Don't forget that next week's attractive home fixture against Newbridge has been brought forward to the evening of Friday, November 3rd, the Welsh club, understandably, wishing to avoid a clash with the Wales v. New Zealand game.

We then continue the Welsh theme by entertaining South Wales Police on Wednesday the 8th.

After that, we have a string of three Courage League matches on successive Saturdays — Rosslyn Park at home, League leaders, Bristol away (ouch!), and much-improved Saracens at home again. Quite a month.

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#### MOVE FOR 'ALI'

Exeter University outside half, 'Ali' Braithwaite, who suffered a broken neck here at Kingsholm, on October 11th, continues to improve, they tell me. He's been moved from our own hospital to the Nuffield in Cheltenham, so he has obviously mended sufficiently for the transfer to be undertaken. We all sincerely hope that he's soon back on his feet again.

#### ARE YOU LISTENING, MICK?

Had a chat with Mick Carter, Gloucester's own internationally-known impressionist, the other day. You've probably seen him, on TV, or elsewhere: he's the chap who imitates things, rather than people. His impression of a London Underground train springs to mind.

Like most showbiz people, he tends to be busy at weekends, so doesn't get along very often, but is, nevertheless, a cherry-and-white fanatic.

When travelling to engagements on Saturdays, he invariably listens to the 'Severn Sound' coverage for as long as reception allows. In fact, he frequently pulls over and jams his ear to the radio to listen for as long as possible.

So, if you're motoring on any Saturday, and you notice a grey-haired fellow in a lay-by with his ear glued to his dashboard — don't worry. It's Mick Carter getting the latest score from Kingsholm.

#### THANKS TO CELLNET

You've heard of Cellnet. They're the leading cellular telephone network in Britain. And now, they've been generous enough to Sponsor a game at Kingsholm, for which we thank them, most sincerely.

To give you an idea of the scale of the operation, Cellnet are currently investing at the rate of £4 million per week, which isn't exactly beer money.

In fact, they almost have to do that, to keep ahead of both the technology involved, and the anticipated demand for the service. Nowadays, Cellnet users, wherever they are, can transfer calls to another number, put a caller on hold while they deal with something else, even talk to two different numbers at once. All in addition to 'ordinary' phone services.

In 1991, the pan-European digital cellular system comes 'on stream'. Cellnet are very much part of it, and are running tests already. That means that Mick Carter (see above) will be able to sit in his layby, and give the scores to friends in Germany and France at the same time, if he wants to. The mind, as they say, boggles.

Cellnet, with RoSPA and the DoT, are also

running the Cellnet Safe Driver of the Year Challenge, aimed at business people (or impressionists, presumably), who travel at least 20,000 miles a year, involving tests of road knowledge, concentration and judgement. The final is at Brands Hatch, next month.

Amid all that activity, it's nice to think that they've seen the potential of sponsoring a League game at Kingsholm. Thanks, everyone, have a great day and — come again.

#### ... AND THE ROAD SHOW

This time, however, the largesse of the Sponsors isn't to be confined to colleagues and guests. For a miserly £1.00 you too can come along and have a thoroughly good evening.

Next Thursday, November 2nd, the Cellnet Roadshow hits town — in our Complex at 8.00pm. It takes the form of a lighthearted Rugby quiz, entrusted to the capable hands of our old friend Ian Robertson of 'Rugby Special' fame.

Other participants include renowned All Black forward, Andy Haden (you may remember him playing for Auckland on this ground, a few years ago), and Scots British Lion, Gavin Hastings. The Gentlemen of the Press are to be represented by our very own Mike Burton, and the BBC's John Inverdell. The colours of Gloucester RFC will be capably kept flying by Captain, Mike Hamlin, and Lion, Mike Teague — with a little vociferous help from their friends, no doubt.

People who have seen these events before, tell me that they're thoroughly entertaining — and all for a quid! Get your tickets from the Club Shop, today, the Social Club during the week, or drop in on Terry Tandy in the Office.

#### TAILPIECE

I've had a note (not for the first time), from William Powell, of 8, Longdean Park, Hemel Hempstead. For, no doubt good and sufficient reasons, he asks me to send him a copy of today's programme.

I know that our programmes find themselves in Adelaide, South Australia, Montreal, Canada, Trier, West Germany, and several cities in the USA, but I never thought, in my wildest dreams, we'd make the grade in Hemel Hempstead, Herts.

Nice to hear from you, William. Your SAE is in my pocket, and I'll post your programme on my way home. If I can still see the pillar box.

After that, it's in the hands of the Gods. Not to mention the Post Office.



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# TALKING RUGBY

with  
Steve Fraser



The Gloucester selectors faced two classic dilemmas in picking the team for today's match.

Firstly, who do you pick when a first team regular returns from injury but the player filling in for him has done the job well?

And secondly, which do you choose when an outstanding first team prospect for the future is not playing as well as an experienced player in the second XV?

In the first case, see Lloyd Gardiner and Marcus Hannaford, in the second, John Etheridge and John Brain.

Gardiner came in for Hannaford when a nasty leg injury ruled out last season's captain for nearly a month. Bar one or two jittery moments against Wasps, he has done a first rate job.

The former Spartans scrum-half had the character to hold his own in the crucial tussle with Bath's Richard Hill in his first appearance in a Courage League game. And he has linked up well with half-back partner Mike Hamlin.

John Etheridge is becoming a regular at England squad sessions and is one of Gloucester's best young prospects for the national side.

But he has yet to recapture last season's form and was passed over by the England selectors when they named the teams to face Fiji next week.

John Brain, on the other hand, has been one of the key figures in United's successes this season. And his partnership with Nigel Scrivens in the second row against Ebbw Vale was the outstanding feature of the Gloucester performance.

Neither decision was easy to make but in both cases the selectors went for experience over youth.

"We feel sorry for Lloyd Gardiner because he has played very well indeed," said team secretary Fred Reed. "But Marcus came through on Saturday and we want to see him back in the first team.

"It's felt that John Etheridge has not

reached the form he had last season. John Brain has been playing very well indeed and he deserves the chance."

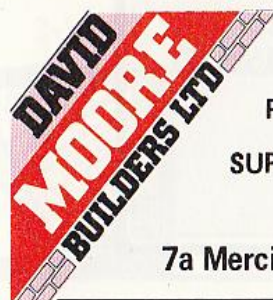
United winger Chris Dee is another in-form player who has been ousted by an "old hand". Nick Price is back in action this weekend for United and will soon be pressing Derrick Morgan and Jim Breeze for a first team place.

Reed said: "Dee has played very well this season — better than he has played since he arrived here. But again Nick is the established player and we want to see him."

Dee, Gardiner and Etheridge may have missed out this time but their presence speaks volumes about the strength in depth at the club. They'll be back!



*Second choice scrum-half Lloyd Gardiner . . . back out in the cold despite doing well*



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